

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Andy Conrad  
Chief Executive Officer  
Verily

Dear Mr. Pichai and Mr. Conrad,

We write to seek clarity about Verily's commitment to privacy as it develops a website to enable risk assessment and facilitate testing for COVID-19. Public confusion about the site's privacy policy may discourage people from participating, thus defeating the purpose of the project.

To help inform potential users of the site about the privacy implications of doing so, we request that you answer the following questions:

1. Does the COVID-19 website comply with HIPAA regulations? If not, why not?
2. Are Google and Salesforce – two of the service providers for the COVID-19 website – restricted from using data from the site for purposes other than providing the core service? What steps are you taking to ensure the site's service providers restrict the use of any data they receive?
3. Will Verily or any of its partners use data collected through the COVID-19 website for revenue-generating purposes?

There may indeed be legitimate reasons for collecting and sharing certain information to effectively triage suspected cases and to track the course of the pandemic, but any collection and dissemination must be strictly limited to what is necessary to protect public health in the current crisis.

We appreciate your attention to these questions and look forward to your prompt responses.

Sincerely,



Tom Malinowski  
Member of Congress



Katie Porter  
Member of Congress